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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 19, 2002

APPLICATION OF

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUE-2001-00350

To Extend Customer
CHOICESM Pilot Program

DISMISSAL ORDER

By Order Granting Extension and Directing the Filing of a Plan for Retail Gas Supply Choice of September 25, 2001, as modified by Correcting Order of October 11, 2001, the Commission authorized Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia" or "Company"), to offer its Customer CHOICESM program after October 1, 2001. We anticipated that a retail supply choice plan authorized by § 56-235.8 of the Code of Virginia would take effect on July 1, 2002.

The Commission first authorized Customer CHOICESM, then called Commonwealth Choice, for the period October 1, 1997, through October 1, 1999. Commonwealth Gas Services, Inc., Case No. PUE970455, 1997 S.C.C. Ann. Rep. 417. In our order first authorizing the program as an experiment and in subsequent orders extending the experiment, the Commission required Columbia to collect and report information on various matters.

By Order of June 28, 2002, in Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., Case No. PUE-2001-00587, Phase I, the Commission approved the Company's retail supply choice plan pursuant to § 56-235.8 of the Code. The plan was authorized to take effect on July 1, 2002, but we extended the effective date to October 1, 2002, by Order of July 18, 2002, in Case No. PUE-2002-00587.

It appears that Columbia has filed all reports concerning its experimental plan required in Case No. PUE970455 and subsequent Orders. With the implementation of the Company's retail supply choice plan on October 1, 2002, Columbia will collect and report the information required by the Commission's Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services, 20 VAC 5-312-10 et seq. Additional reporting is not required, and this case may be dismissed.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Case No. PUE-2001-00350 be dismissed from the Commission's docket and placed in closed status in the records of the Clerk of the Commission.